

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINING COMMITTEE
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the
Accusation Against:

Thomas Wightman, P.A.
License No. PA 10373

Respondent

D-4767

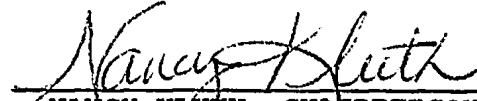
DECISION

The attached STIPULATION is hereby adopted by the
Physician Assistant Examining Committee of the Medical Board of
California as its Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on MARCH 24, 1993

IT IS SO ORDERED February 24, 1993

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINING COMMITTEE
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA


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7 BEFORE THE
8 PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT EXAMINING COMMITTEE
9 DIVISION OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS
10 MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

11 In the Matter of the Accusation)	NO. D-4767
12 Against:)	OAH NO. L-57765
)	
13 THOMAS WIGHTMAN, P.A.)	STIPULATION IN
1136 D Avenue)	SETTLEMENT AND
14 National City, California 91950)	<u>DECISION</u>
)	
15 Physician's Assistant)	
License No. PA010373)	
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16 Respondent.)	
17)	

18 In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of
19 this matter, consistent with the public interest and the
20 responsibility of the Physician's Assistant Examining Committee,
21 Division of Allied Health Professions, Medical Board of
22 California, Department of Consumer Affairs ("Committee"), the
23 parties submit this Stipulation and Decision to the Committee for
24 its approval and adoption as the final disposition of the
25 Accusation.

26 The parties stipulate the following is true:

27 1. An Accusation, No. D-4767, is currently pending

1 against Thomas Wightman, P.A. ("respondent"), before the
2 Committee. The Accusation, together with all other statutorily
3 required documents, was duly served on the respondent on or about
4 June 10, 1992. Respondent, on November 12, 1992, requested that
5 the matter be settled by Stipulation and Decision.

6 2. At all times relevant herein, respondent has been
7 licensed by the Physician's Assistant Examining Committee under
8 Physician's Assistant License No. PA-010373.

9 3. Respondent is not represented by counsel in this
10 matter. Respondent fully understands his right to obtain counsel
11 himself to represent him in this matter. Respondent has chosen
12 to waive that right and to represent himself.

13 4. Respondent has carefully read and is fully aware of
14 the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. D-4767 on
15 file with the Committee. Respondent understands the nature of
16 the charges alleged in the Accusation as constituting causes for
17 imposing discipline upon his Physician's Assistant License.

18 5. Respondent is fully aware of his right to a hearing
19 on the charges and allegations contained in said Accusation, his
20 right to confront and cross-examine witnesses who may testify
21 against him, his right to be represented by an attorney, his
22 right to produce witnesses on his behalf or to testify himself.
23 Respondent understands his right to reconsideration, appeal and
24 all other rights which are accorded to him pursuant to the
25 California Business and Professions Code and Government Code and
26 freely and voluntarily waives such rights.

27 6. Respondent admits the charges contained in

1 paragraphs 3.B."(c)" and 5A. and B. of the Accusation No. D-4767
2 as alleged. Respondent specifically admits that he did not
3 communicate adequately with his supervising physician about the
4 need to refer his patient to an orthopedic surgeon, did not
5 follow through on initial efforts to consult with an orthopedic
6 surgeon regarding his patient's injury and did not properly
7 document his diagnosis and attempted consultation in the
8 patient's medical records.

9 7. Respondent admits the truth of paragraphs 3.B."(c)"
10 and 5.A. and B. of the Accusation No. D-4767, and agrees that
11 respondent has thereby subjected his license to discipline.
12 Respondent agrees to the Committee's imposition of penalty as set
13 out herein in the Order below. A copy of Accusation No. D-4767
14 is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as though
15 fully set forth.

16 8. The admissions, waivers and recitals set forth
17 above are for the purpose of this stipulation only, and may not
18 be used for any other purpose or in any other proceeding.

19 9. Respondent understands that by reason of the
20 waivers and admissions set forth hereinabove, he is enabling the
21 Committee to enter the following order from this stipulation
22 without further process. Should the Committee not adopt this
23 stipulation and order as its decision in this matter, the waivers
24 and admissions between the parties shall have no force or effect.

ORDER

26 Physician's Assistant License No. PA010373 issued to
27 respondent, Thomas Wightman, P.A., is revoked, provided, however,

1 that the revocation is stayed and respondent is placed on
2 probation for three years upon the following terms and
3 conditions:

4 **CONDITIONS**

5 1. Within 60 days of the effective date of this
6 decision, respondent shall submit to the Committee for its prior
7 approval a course in Orthopedics, which respondent shall
8 successfully complete during the first year of probation.

9 2. Respondent shall maintain a program of 100% chart
10 review by his supervising physicians for all patients seen,
11 examined and treated by respondent.

12 3. Within 60 days, respondent shall submit on a
13 continuing basis all written supervision guidelines and protocols
14 of his supervising physicians for Committee review and approval
15 during the term of probation.

16 4. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local
17 laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in
18 California.

19 5. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations
20 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Committee,
21 stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions
22 of probation.

23 6. Respondent shall comply with the Committee's
24 probation surveillance program.

25 7. The period of probation shall not run during the
26 time respondent is residing or practicing outside the
27 jurisdiction of California. If, during probation, respondent

1 moves out of the jurisdiction of California to reside or practice
2 elsewhere, respondent is required to immediately notify the
3 Committee in writing of the date of departure, and the date of
4 return, if any.

5 8. Upon successful completion of probation,
6 respondent's license will be fully restored.

7 9. If respondent violates probation in any respect,
8 the Committee, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity
9 to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary
10 order that was stayed. If an accusation or petition to revoke
11 probation is filed against respondent during probation, the
12 Committee shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is
13 final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the
14 matter is final.

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1 I have read the above Stipulation and Order, understand
2 their items, and agree in all respects thereto.

3 DATED: 11/24/92


4 DANIEL E. LUNGREN, Attorney General
5 of the State of California

6 By 
7 MICHAEL P. SIPE
8 Deputy Attorney General

9 Attorneys for Complainant
10 Physician's Assistant Examining
11 Committee
12 Division of Allied Health Professions
13 Medical Board of California
14 Department of Consumer Affairs
15 State of California

16 I have read the above document, and I fully understand,
17 accept and consent to all of the provisions of the above
18 Stipulation and Order.

19 DATED: 11/13/92

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21 THOMAS WIGHTMAN
22 Respondent
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